

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light all Areas. Nationally, 89 new fires were reported. One large fire was contained in northern California. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Williams-Rhodes) is assigned to manage Blackfoot Lake Complex, Wedge Canyon, Robert, Middle Fork Complex, Trapper Creek Complex, Crazy Horse, Rampage Complex, and Little Salmon Creek Complex.

MYRTLE CREEK, Idaho Panhandle National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is in logging slash, mixed conifer and brush, five miles northwest of Bonners Ferry, ID. Cool temperatures and high humidity continued to moderate fire behavior. Fire activity consisted of primarily smoldering and creeping fire with some open flame.

BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A transfer of command from Mortier's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Bennett's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur on 9/13. This incident in timber is 19 miles east of Kalispell, MT and is comprised of the Beta Lake, Doris Mountain, Lost Johnny, Ball Creek, Wounded Buck, Doe, Wildcat, Upper Lid, Dead Buck and Blackfoot Lake fires. Single tree torching and ground fire were observed prior to the rain event yesterday morning; after the rain, there was minimal fire activity.

MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A transfer of command from Cable's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Sandman's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur on 9/13 at 1800. This incident, comprised of the Belton, Center and Harrison fires, is in timber, five miles east of West Glacier, MT. Fire activity was mostly slow burning and smoldering ground fires. Structure protection is in place for 20 residences.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 42 miles north of Columbia Falls, MT and approximately two miles south of the international border. The fire received showers all day and kept fire activity to a minimum.

RAMPAGE COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A transfer of command from Cable's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Sandman's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur on 9/13 at 1800. This incident, comprised of the Double Mountain 1, Double Mountain 2, Riverview 1, Riverview 2 and Rampage, is in timber, 15 miles southeast of West Glacier, MT. Fire activity consisted of slow burning surface fire in dense canopy and heavy ground fuels, and smoldering ground fire in areas of open canopy. Structure protection is in place for 127 residences.

LITTLE SALMON CREEK WILDLAND FIRE COMPLEX, Flathead National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. This complex is 47 miles southeast of Kalispell, MT in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The incident, comprised of the Gordon, Molly Creek, Leota Oak, Gyp, Crimson, High, Mid and Some Creek fires, is in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer. Fire smoldered and crept in heavy ground fuels and occasional single trees torched.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A transfer of command from Cable's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Sandman's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur on 9/13. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Fire activity consisted mostly of slow surface burning in areas of dense canopy and heavy ground fuels. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences and six commercial properties.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. A transfer of command from Cable's Type 1 Incident Management Team to Sandman's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur on 9/13 at 1800. They will be assigned to the Trapper Creek, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires; a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned to the Wolf Gun fire. The complex is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Fire activity remained minimal with smoldering ground fire in areas of open canopy and slow burning in dense canopy and heavy ground fuels. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. This fire is in mixed conifer with heavy dead and downed fuels, eight miles southwest of Condon, MT. There was minimal fire activity. Upper Kraft Creek Road remains closed.

FISH CREEK COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. U.S. Army Task Force Steel Dragon (2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment) commanded by Lt. Col. Gregory Schultz, at Fort Hood, TX is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Fish Creek, Thompson Creek, Surveyor Creek, Lower Quartz, Siamese Lake, Indian Creek, Middle Fork Indian Creek, Cedar Log and West Fork Indian Creek fires, is 35 miles west of Missoula, MT. Cool, overcast conditions aided in reducing fire behavior. Mostly creeping and smoldering fire was present, primarily in the eastern and southwestern portions of the Thompson Creek fire.

COONEY RIDGE, Southwestern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This incident, comprised of the Cooney Ridge, Gratton Gulch, Gilbert and Strawberry fires, is in timber, 11 miles east of Florence, MT. Fire activity was mostly smoldering ground fire.

MINERAL-PRIMM, Lolo National Forest. A transfer of command from Broyles' Type 2 Incident Management Team to Larsen's Type 2 Incident Management Team will occur on 9/13. This incident, comprised of the Mineral-Primm, Stewart Peak, Upper Rattlesnake, and Boles Meadows fires, is in timber, 19 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Fire behavior was minimal.

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. Fire activity lessened due to cooler temperatures and higher humidity. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. This incident, comprised of the Beaver Lakes, Siah Lake, Pleasant, Rhodes, Bears Oil, Cayuse, Eagle Creek, Eagle Creek East, Fish, Queen Creek and Hopeful 2 fires, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. The fire continued to smolder.

EAST COMPLEX, Yellowstone National Park. This incident, comprised of the East and Grizzly fires, is four miles east of Fishing Bridge Junction, WY. Fire activity was limited to a few isolated smokes.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MYRTLE CREEK	ID	IPF	3,700	65	9/15	620	19	17	7	0	3.5M

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BLACKFOOT LAKE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	29,836	30	9/30	1,100	33	17	5	0	16.3M
MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	11,851	5	10/1	44	1	5	0	0	339K
WEDGE CANYON RAMPAGE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	53,315	87	9/15	415	11	9	3	29	33.7M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK WILDLAND FIRE COMPLEX	MT	FNF	44,350	0	UNK	46	2	0	0	0	600K
ROBERT TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	FNF	57,570	60	10/1	453	5	15	6	3	28.8M
CRAZY HORSE FISH CREEK COMPLEX	MT	FNF	11,300	95	9/15	42	1	1	0	0	NR
COONEY RIDGE	MT	LNF	36,950	75	9/28	625	7	31	9	0	22.8M
MINERAL-PRIMM	MT	SWS	25,110	97	9/12	438	8	14	3	0	17.9M
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	LNF	25,202	78	9/20	536	14	19	3	0	21.4M
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	MT	HNF	39,707	80	10/1	401	9	8	3	1	15M
EAST COMPLEX	ID	CWF	26,307	62	UNK	67	2	4	1	0	17.4M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK FIRE USE COMPLEX	WY	YNP	23,500	90	9/15	0	0	0	0	0	7M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX – WFU	MT	FNF	41,700	N/A	N/A	11	0	0	1	1	1.9M
	ID	CWF	11,425	N/A	N/A	6	0	0	0	0	350K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage the B&B Complex.

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. A drying trend increased fire activity. All hiking trails in the area remain closed. Structure protection is in place for 100 residences.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. A Type 2 incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned to the portion of the Booth fire that is west of the Cascade Divide. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels. The complex is 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Fire activity was limited to some creeping surface flame. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

MAPLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Halloway/Reed) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 30 miles north-northwest of Leavenworth, WA. Fire growth was limited due to favorable weather conditions.

BULL SPRINGS 2, Umatilla National Forest. A transfer of command from Morcom's Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 organization will take place today. This fire is in timber, 24 miles south of Ukiah, OR. Open flame was visible on the south facing slopes; otherwise smoldering activity was observed.

GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This incident is in timber, brush and heavy downed fuels, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. Weather hampered monitoring of the fire.

MINERAL PARK, Mt Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. This fire is in heavy timber, brush and deep duff, 16 miles southeast of Marblemount, WA. Weather hampered monitoring of the fire.

MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX, Mount Rainer National Park. This complex, comprised of the Panther, Redstone and Chenuis fires, is in heavy timber with heavy downed fuels, 13 miles northeast of Packwood, WA. No new information was reported.

LOST LAKE, Gifford Pinchot National Forest. This fire is in brush and timber, seven miles east/southeast of Packwood, WA. Weather hampered monitoring the fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	21,250	60	UNK	396	7	22	9	0	2.7M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,824	66	UNK	1,990	50	56	18	13	28M
MAPLE	WA	OWF	1,635	10	UNK	371	9	0	5	0	1.2M
BULL SPRINGS 2	OR	UMF	1,266	90	9/13	306	6	13	2	0	1.4M
GLACIER PEAK COMPLEX	WA	MSF	704	50	10/31	7	0	0	1	0	179K
MINERAL PARK	WA	MSF	3,651	50	10/31	3	0	0	1	0	80K
MOUNT RAINIER COMPLEX	WA	MRP	353	18	10/31	26	0	3	1	0	1.5M
LOST LAKE	WA	GPF	321	0	10/15	5	0	0	1	0	54K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

COVELO COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 15 miles east of Covelo, CA. Minimal fire behavior was observed. Direct fire line has been completed around the entire perimeter. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

GRINDSTONE COMPLEX, Mendocino National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) is assigned. This complex, comprised of 39 confirmed fires, is in chaparral and mixed conifer, 30 miles west of Willows, CA. Flare-ups and short range spotting were observed on the Happy Camp fire; on the Deafy fire slow backing and flanking surface fire spread were observed. Structure protection is in place for 11 residences.

HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. This fire is in timber and logging slash, near Fortuna, CA. Moderate ground fire with slow rate of spread was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COVELO COMPLEX	CA	MNF	240	80	9/12	406	15	7	4	0	600K
GRINDSTONE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	4,017	20	UNK	1,371	33	146	13	0	5.7M
HUMBOLDT LIGHTNING SERIES	CA	HUU	832	42	UNK	1,230	53	31	17	0	4.4M
SHF COMPLEX	CA	SHF	270	100	---	136	4	8	0	0	1.7M

SHF = Shasta-Trinity National Forest

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIAMS FIRE, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU), which began on 7/28, is 15 miles east of Grant Grove, in Kings Canyon National Park. This fire is in red fir and lodgepole pine and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLIAMS FIRE - WFU	CA	KNP	1,004	N/A	N/A	16	0	0	0	0	85K
MUD - WFU	CA	STF	420	N/A	N/A	36	1	0	0	0	9K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	1,704	N/A	N/A	18	1	0	0	0	135K
DEXTER - WFU	CA	INF	400	N/A	N/A	17	1	1	0	0	11K

STF = Stanislaus National Forest INF = Inyo National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: Gusty north to northeast winds and low humidity over much of northern California including Sacramento valley and surrounding foothills, coastal mountains and East Bay hills.

Weather Discussion: A cold front is moving through the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. For California, an offshore flow will bring dry gusty north to east winds, especially over northern California.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA Mostly cloudy with showers.	West of the Divide: 55 to 70 East of the Divide: 50 to 65	30 to 40%	West of the Divide: west/northwest 10 to 25 mph East of the Divide: northwest 15 to 30 mph
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Sunny.	70s to low 80s coast, low 80s to low 90s upper elevations, and 90s to near 102 inland valleys.	8 to 18% inland valleys and foothills, and 15 to 35% coastal areas and east of Cascade-Sierra crest.	North to northeast 8 to 15 mph, with gusts 20 to 30 mph, mainly Sacramento Valley and surrounding foothills, coastal mountains, and East Bay hills.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy in the east. A slight chance of showers in the Bridger-Teton. Breezy. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy in the north with widely scattered mountain showers, mostly sunny in the south.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 45 to 58 mountains, 58 to 71 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 60 to 78 northern Utah, 65 to 90 southern Utah and the Arizona Strip.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 25 to 45% mountains, 20 to 30% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 20 to 5% mountains, 11 to 32% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: west/northwest 10 to 25 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: west or upslope 5 to 15 mph.
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	ACRES		1			0		1
Northern California	FIRES					13	26	39
	ACRES					92	2	94
Southern California	FIRES				0	26	2	28
	ACRES				3	89	0	92
Northern Rockies	FIRES				6		1	7
	ACRES				1,663		2,372	4,035
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	10						10
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					37	1	38
Southern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					5		5
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	6	48	33	89
	ACRES	10	1	0	1,666	223	2,375	4,275

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	384	15	445
	ACRES	20	40,271	324,003	3,712	258,505	2	626,513
Northwest	FIRES	287	231	12	55	1,660	1,194	3,439
	ACRES	20,245	17,922	11	3,081	48,123	292,786	382,168
Northern California	FIRES	133	69	7	17	2,410	1,133	3,769
	ACRES	216	11,583	2	6,562	48,764	22,269	89,396
Southern California	FIRES	64	129	10	73	2,367	800	3,443
	ACRES	854	2,585	360	325	35,882	7,200	47,206
Northern Rockies	FIRES	946	61	33	90	920	1,452	3,502
	ACRES	77,872	107,435	23,265	166,669	155,563	376,596	907,400
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	806	4	45	601	923	2,437
	ACRES	17,518	139,259	1,060	2,634	29,981	136,982	327,434
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	426	1	11	111	165	719
	ACRES	1	11,096	79	6	1,939	2,873	15,994
Southwest	FIRES	791	186	5	57	869	2,056	3,964
	ACRES	36,579	5,893	284	3,550	16,167	202,723	265,196
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	773	39	47	964	666	2,671
	ACRES	17,414	16,911	1,963	783	16,928	46,901	100,900
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	32	9,460	456	10,922
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	703	109,787	5,574	175,142
Southern Area	FIRES	146		46	12	11,538	330	12,072
	ACRES	21,738		12,130	764	185,854	8,832	229,318
TOTAL	FIRES	3,521	2,695	244	449	31,284	9,190	47,383
	ACRES	244,645	352,955	370,047	188,789	907,493	1,102,738	3,166,667

Ten Year Average Fires	65,774
Ten Year Average Acres	3,829,009

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				250			250
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						7	7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,904	1,904
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	250	0	1,911	2,161

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	92	17	3		217	357
	ACRES	5,351	10,907	4,484	123		29,009	49,874
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,145	2,193		9,712	33,348
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	6		170	182
	ACRES		27	621	3,218		13,675	17,541
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3		10	24	61
	ACRES	18	13,355	300		1,510	6,200	21,383
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		570		230	900
Southwest	FIRES	13	34	19	7	3	237	313
	ACRES	3,333	26,896	39,373	5,240	12	43,513	118,367
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	15	90	9	10	75	227
	ACRES	1,730	2,386	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	32,451
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		314	16	456	201	1,010
	ACRES	10,562		56,649	1,823	79,304	26,889	175,227
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,206	14,765
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	932,302	1,896,139
TOTAL	FIRES	160	183	898	133	13,674	2,574	17,622
	ACRES	40,906	57,746	240,459	106,758	849,587	1,082,448	2,377,904

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						251	251
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			50		37	89
	ACRES	0			3,620		4,493	8,113
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		67	70
	ACRES				602		51,859	52,461
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		29	35
	ACRES				435		14,787	15,222
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,500		159,608	163,108
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		24		2		3	29
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	30	1	79	0	162	274
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	10,872	0	232,868	288,188

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,467	255,468
Yukon Territory			70	32,411
Alberta			1,066	55,822
Northwest Territory			158	126,068
Saskatchewan			618	128,228
Manitoba			1,132	430,109
Ontario			992	301,109
Quebec			660	83,089
Newfoundland			164	24,893
New Brunswick			207	188
Nova Scotia			248	1,362
Prince Edward Island			0	0
National Parks			110	135,393
Total			7,892	1,574,140

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	35	45	32	94	21	21			690	512
Northern California	58	76	99	143	24	20			216	357
Southern California	22	4	22	13	9	2			57	36
Northern Rockies	72	43	21	156	16	38			1085	531
Eastern Great Basin	3	2	4		1					
Western Great Basin			2	2						
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	2		3	2	1				6	5
Eastern Area			1						7	
Southern Area										
Total	192	170	184	410	72	81	0	0	2061	1441

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